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1995 crime totals released by PD

PG residents lost a total of about \$350,000 in stolen property during 1995. Nearly \$51,000 of that value was recovered, mostly in locally stolen vehicles.

Monthly and yearly crime statistics are prepared by Records Officer Helga Boynton, PG Police Department.

Violent crime included one murder, three rapes, eight robberies and 101 assaults.

Larceny accounted for 330 crimes, mostly shoplifting, and thefts from vehicles, bicycles and buildings.



Grove harpist performs in PG Love concert

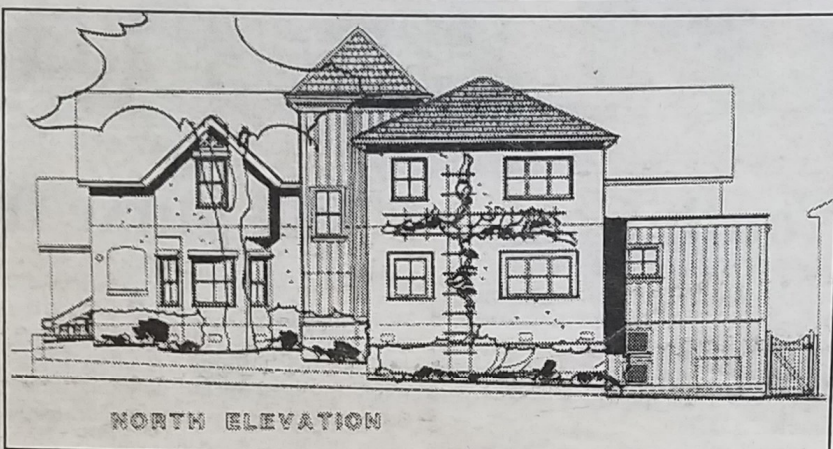
Tomorrow Saturday Feb. 10th, get a jump on Valentine's Day with a concert celebrating love. "Three Harps & More for Hearts Amour" is the Portofino Presents concert at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

The evening features Amy Krupski on Celtic harp, Karen Theilen on classical harp, and Ramon Romero on Paraguayan harp, with special guest vocalist Mary Anne Randl, vibraphonist Peter Thielen, and harpist Carol Vasser Romero. Reservations are available at 373-7379. Tickets at the door are \$10. Vocalist Randl will present "That's All I Ask From You" from Phantom of the Opera, John Lennon's "Oh My Love," "Yellow Bird" from the Caribbean, and music adapted from the poems of W.B. Yeats and Sir Thomas Moore, as well as other favorite love songs from Scotland and Ireland.

Karen Theilen will perform both classical and contemporary songs of love including "Wind Beneath My Wings," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by J.S. Bach, and love songs from Beauty and the Beast and "O Mio Babbino Caro" by Puccini.

Harpist Romero will perform Latin American love songs including "The Devil's on the Loose," warning women that he's looking for them.

Lots more stuff on arts, entertainment and love inside this issue.



PG's NEW YOUTH CENTER project will be underway within the next few days. Above is the architect's sketch of the north elevation. The east elevation drawing is located elsewhere in this issue.

Youth Center construction to begin next week for October completion

by Janis Cain

Construction of the new PG Youth Center Building is scheduled to begin no later than Valentine's Day and the target date for completion is Oct. 1.

City Manager Mike Huse told the Beacon the final budget, to construct a two-story, 6,000-sq. ft. youth center on top of an existing foundation at 16th and Lau-

Winning bidder, Baptista Construction, originally submitted a bid of \$420,000, however the city recently reduced the scope of the building for a savings of around \$42,000. Cost-saving measures include leaving the kitchen unfinished, elimination of a room divider, and a change from hardwood floors to vinyl.

Asked about the apparent need for kitchen facilities, Huse said, "It is our hope that community volunteers, especially contractors, will come forward to assist in completing the project."

Another cost-saving measure involves having the contractor run plumbing lines to the outside of the building, with city workers making street connections.

Huse reports the pre-construction meeting with the contractor and some subcontractors was held Monday. The City was represented by Chief Building Inspector Doug Rick, Public Works Superintendent Butch Andrews, project architect Ed Bredthauer, and other consultants who worked on the plans.

"Mr. Baptista is anxious to begin the project," noted Huse, "and has been very conscientious and cooperative. The contract has been signed and a Notice to Proceed was issued earlier this week."

Youth Center rises from ashes of CDD building; costs \$.81 million

By Eric Colby

The odyssey of the Pacific Grove city council to improve the facilities housing its planning and building departments began roughly six years ago. A committee was formed to explore options to ameliorate working conditions in what was a 19th Century office environment.

Located in three historical Victorian homes owned by the city on 16th Street (directly opposite the original Youth Center), a staff of seven employees, including planners, plan checkers, and building inspectors, worked under Planning Director Tony Lobay monitoring and facilitating building construction in Pacific Grove.

First plan was to remodel.

The first committee met with Lobay

and, after several months of study, recommended remodeling the three historical buildings.

When it came up for action in 1990 the council waived legal requirements (calling for architectural proposals and competitive bidding by architects) and awarded a contract to Lobay's jogging partner Dan Curran of Bredthauer & Curran Associates, to draw plans which cost the city \$5,438 for preliminary drawings.

With passage of time and, without council unanimity on acceptance of the remodeling scheme, the committee was asked to go back to the drawing board and consider the option of combining the three sacred structures into one building.

Then combine buildings into one.

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Love is in the air; watch your step

by Janis Cain

How do you mount a butterfly? Well, if you're a male monarch, you fly to the top of a pine tree in George Washington Park, around Valentine's Day, and gently carry a female down to the ground for a colorful, flutterful dance, usually on the mulch-covered walking trails. Visitors to the park are asked to, please, watch their step. Mother Nature may be throwing cold water on the butterfly dance, but visitors need not add injury to insult by doing The Stroll.

While observers agree the beautiful orange and black monarchs are one of PG's most valuable natural resources, a current controversy has unfolded on how best to protect both the butterflies and their habitat. City officials contend visitors are threatening restoration efforts in the park. Public works crews recently cordoned off a particularly sensitive area with ropes and stakes.

The ropes have done little to corral the butterflies; they tend to mate outside the ropes — in the walking paths. As for whether ropes enhance restoration efforts, opinions vary.

Ro Vaccaro saw red when the green ropes appeared around a prime butterfly viewing area.

"The rope fences now strung in George Washington Park — to corral the visitors — are less attractive than those outside Disneyland's restrooms," Vaccaro told the Beacon. "Even the tourists can now see that PG is in the hands of a bunch of elitist control freaks." Vaccaro donates her free time

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MONARCHS mating in Washington Park



KAZU Board meeting

The next meeting of the board of directors of Monterey Bay Public Radio/KAZU will be held on Feb. 20, 6 pm, at the Monterey Bay Inn, 242 Cannery Row, Monterey. KAZU board meetings are open to the public and the opportunity for comment is available. Call 375-7275 for further information.

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Youth Center is silk purse from sow's ear

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Upon Lobay's recommendation, the city council awarded Curran and Bredthauer a second contract, without having to submit proposals along with other architects, for which the city paid another \$33,080.

With further committee review new changes were recommended and city council amended the contract with Bredthauer & Curran asking for plan revisions which added another \$4,560 in new architectural fees.

Trash plans for a new building.

By October of 1991, after investing \$43,078 in architectural fees with Bredthauer & Curran, the committee-council point of view had shifted to that of demolishing the three historical structures and constructing an entirely new building to replace them.

Again, without giving public notice requesting architectural proposals, the council asked Bredthauer & Curran to design a new building. Bredthauer & Curran charged \$45,476 plus another \$4,543 in changes for a total of \$50,002.

At this point the city had invested \$93,080 in plans for a new building and additionally agreeing to demolish three Victorian structures, an act that would later be prohibited in this city. The council subsequently adopted the Historical Preservation Ordinance disallowing demolition of buildings constructed before 1927 -- without permission from the Council.

Plans were legally let out to bid and the council awarded a contract to Spacious Living, a general contractor from Santa Cruz, in the amount of \$450,000 which brought total architectural fees to 20% of costs. Normal fees charged by architects are 10%.

Contract let for \$450,000.

When bids from general contractors were opened, Dan Curran told the council he had questions about the competence of the low bid tendered by Spacious Living. But he told the council that he would guarantee the work of the contractor for an additional \$4,500 paid him for personal "project observation" which the city council agreed to pay, bringing the city's total architectural cost to 25% of project cost.

Architects customarily charge 5% for preliminary architectural drawings and building permits, 5% for engineering and working drawings and 5% for project supervision for a total fee of 15% of the contract value.

Site work for construction began during June of 1992. Three months later the

foundation was still unfinished, there were so many critical defects (walls out of square and at incorrect elevations, mis-located building corners, incorrectly installed anchor bolts and hold-downs, improperly installed drainage pipes and waterproofing) that the architect advised city council to stop work.

Hush money ended work Aug. 92.

With the contract only 15% complete representing work installed valued at \$67,500, the council terminated its contract with Spacious Living agreeing to pay the contractor for value completed plus an unnecessary additional settlement payoff of \$15,000 bringing its contract cost to \$81,740.

While negotiating this settlement behind closed doors, the council also came out of the room party to a "gag order" agreeing that none of the details of the settlement would ever be revealed to Pacific Grove taxpayers.

That brought the city council's investment in the Community Development Building (which now consisted of an unfinished foundation and site work) to \$95,232 in architectural fees, \$81,740 in construction and settlement costs, and \$19,596 in windows the council had purchased (without seeking competitive bids from suppliers) for a grand total of \$196,568.

Bills paid from HUD loan fund.

To pay for this investment of almost \$200,000, the council borrowed \$190,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund, taxpayer money granted to Pacific Grove by the State of California to lend homeowners here, who could not qualify for conventional bank-financed home improvement loans to bring their 19th Century homes up to modern standards.

That construction funding inspiration came from council member Bud Nunn, then-chairman of the Committee on Affordable Housing. Council member Eleanor Rogge suggested that it might not be appropriate to use those funds. Tony Lobay asked Sacramento for a decision and got a response he interpreted would allow the use of Federal affordable housing improvement grant to build municipal buildings.

City election brought new view.

Two months after construction on the Community Development stopped, voters replaced three council members, including new mayor Jeanne Byrne who voiced several objections to the CDD building project:

(1) The project architect was illegally

selected and was awarded contracts by the council in violation of state and municipal laws.

(2) The actual square footage of the building was misrepresented and understated by Lobay.

(3) Despite imminent legislation requiring handicapped access in all municipal buildings Lobay, the architect and city council did not include plans for construction of proper bathroom facilities or an elevator for this four level building to be accessible by wheelchair.

(4) Kicking the town's kids out of the Bing Crosby funded Youth Center to house the planning and building departments was in violation of the terms of the grant given Pacific Grove by the Bing Crosby Youth Foundation.

(5) The idea of a CDD building separated from City Hall left city government staff decentralized and did nothing to restore ADA accessibility to the council chambers in City Hall, making them unusable and forcing the planning commission and city council to become vagabonds wandering from various sites around town for meetings/venues accessible by wheelchair.

Proposed City Hall annex

Mayor Byrne's upset election over Councilman Bud Nunn's candidacy for mayor appeared to be her mandate to put a hold on construction of the CDD building.

She convinced the council to pay \$2,000 to the Paul Davis Group to study the CDD plans and city hall's physical plant, identify staff housing needs, and recommend an efficient scheme to house city government employees. The professional planning firm in Monterey specializes in planning and design of municipal government buildings.

The Paul Davis Group (PDG) discovered that plans (represented by Lobay as containing 4,500 sf) were actually 5,600 sf which, after removing 1,500 sf for conference, bathrooms and storage left an average of 500sf available for each of the CDD's eight personnel.

PDG's study determined that 3,600 sf were necessary for the CDD if housed in an annex joined by a foyer and elevator to existing City Hall. Additional economies of space could be gained by central reception areas, storage areas, and administrative service and office equipment pool.

The annex would open up the 3,200 sf of council chambers (unused since 1992 by state law due to the chambers' inaccessibility to wheelchairs) and could be constructed for an estimated cost of \$500,000.

CITY NEWS

Stonewall spawns action committee

The November 1992 election's residual council members (Davis, Rogge, Schaefer and Zito) virtually ignored this idea of saving construction money, bringing all personnel under one roof, restoring use of council chambers, and creating government efficiency by consolidating staff services and office equipment. Mayor Byrne could get no action on the proposal.

Meanwhile, a Youth Action Committee including interested youths and adults formed independently of city sanction and began pressuring City Hall for return of the Youth Center to the youth of Pacific Grove.

The suggestion was made that Lobay and his staff find other quarters. The Council resolved to find other temporary quarters and to re-open the Youth Center by January 1, 1995.

The November election in 1994, which was accompanied by the most stridently nasty political propaganda campaign ever mounted in Pacific Grove to discredit Mayor Byrne, saw voters elect a slate of mutually compatible council candidates.

Curran back with no RFP's

The new Mayor Sandy Koffman appointed newly-elected councilman Robert Huitt to head a Youth Center Steering Committee to explore the idea of turning the abandoned CDD foundation into a new youth center. (The foundation has been in the ground, without further construction, for almost four years. It is being referred to by the council as "Rebar Park" or "Lobay Lake" in the winter rains.)

The only architect Huitt invited to his meetings was Dan Curran of Curran & Bredthauer, to see if the CDD plans could be converted to a youth center.

Curran was Huitt's campaign manager in the November elections. He gave financial contributions to both Huitt and to successful council candidate Steve Honegger, a Pacific Grove General Contractor.

The council, including Honegger and Huitt, has since authorized funds in the amount of \$45,500 to Curran to proceed with conversion of his CDD plans to a youth center. This council authorization, without seeking proposals and bids from other architects, brings Curran & Bredthauer's earnings on this one building to a new high of \$138,580.

At this point City Council was anticipating construction of a building at a cost of \$450,000, which would have brought total investment in this building to \$692,068.

Conflict of interest unchallenged

Neither Huitt nor Honegger, whose election campaigns were financially supported by Curran, stepped down from voting on award of this work, due to conflict of interest. No request for proposals from other architects were issued by the council. And, late in 1995, the council authorized \$450,000 for construction of the Youth Center and let the plans out to bid.

A contract has now been awarded to the second lowest bidder for construction of a youth center in the amount of \$569,000 or \$119,000 more for a building with 2,500 fewer square feet than

the originally proposed palace for the Community Development Director's building.

This now brings the City's investment in this project, which has been turned from a government office building to a youth center to a grand total of \$811,068. Over three quarters of a million dollars for a building located across the street from the city's Bing Crosby-financed Youth Center, which the Youth Action Committee (comprised of local adults and youths) asked the Community Development Department to get out of in 1993 so the kids could have their Rec Center back.

No one, except former Mayor Byrne and Councilmen Vern Yadon and Pat Roberts, has ever questioned the wisdom of CDD's occupation of the Youth Center built with Bing Crosby funds.

And, except for Mayor Byrne and her three-vote minority in 1992-94, Tony Lobay's personal relationship with architect Dan Curran has never been seen by the council majority as a conflict of interest between the city.

Grand Jury raps council knuckles

The Grand Jury annual report released last week, in response to a local resident's complaint about (1) the council's disinterest in soliciting competitive proposals from architects for design of the Community Development Department building, (2) the council's purchase of windows without required competitive bidding from suppliers and (3) the friendship between Lobay and architect Dan Curran, had this recommendation on page 91:

"The City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees should assiduously adhere to their established policies and procedures and apply them with consistency.

"The City Manager should ensure that the City's Purchasing System and Procedures are consistently applied, particularly as related to waiving the RFP bidding procedures.

"The City Attorney should continue to exercise prudent judgment in requesting outside opinion on questionable circumstances involving conflicts of interest. This suggestion holds for instances which are not only uncertain but also which might give the appearance of impropriety.

"City council members should exercise vigilance in voting on issues where they may have actual or perceived conflicts of interest."

Committee at work to define Youth Center use

Plans for occupation of the new Youth Center, whose construction is scheduled to begin next week, are the purview of the Youth Center Steering Committee chaired by Councilman Jim Costello.

Jodie Aliotti, recreation assistant who chiefly organizes and supervises activities for school-ages youths, says this committee meets monthly and includes students, teachers, parents, police, and rec department staff.

A survey among 6-11 year olds in the school district has been taken regarding programs and use of the physical plant.

Older students have not yet "bought in" to the concept of the center being "our place," says Aliotti. That will come as they participate in its creation, she said.

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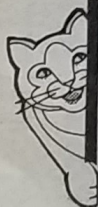
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CITY NEWS

Monarch mating gets out of bounds as butterflies ignore ropes

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to serve as a docent during the annual butterfly season, October to March.

Members of Pacific Grove Eco-Corps donated their efforts to the park during the weekend of Jan. 20th, planting 75 Monterey pine trees and a wide variety of native plants. On Jan. 26th, the Public Works Department installed the rope barricades.

"We want to ensure the habitat is protected and the park is restored so future generations can enjoy what we have now," the Mayor told the Beacon. She explained that, without intervention, the butterfly habitat of pine trees would eventually be taken over by oak trees.

Koffman said she, too, would prefer nature without barricades. "The first time I saw barricades at Point Lobos, I was upset that the natural, pristine beauty of that area was marred by ropes."

Mayor Koffman assures all the ropes will come down when the butterflies depart, within four to six weeks. "It is my hope," she says, "a more coordinated effort will be in place next year, with well thought out ideas. The City is fortunate to have the Friends of the Monarchs to guide and educate our visitors, and the City hopes to give more support to the group to expand the docent program."

On a positive note, visitors have applauded the City's efforts for letting them know exactly where to find the butterflies. "Hopefully, we have raised awareness (of habitat restoration) with the ropes," Koffman added.

Restoration efforts at George Washington Park began about four years ago, originally with the City Council. Restoration responsibilities were then transferred to the Beautification Committee, then the Monarch Habitat Restoration Committee and finally the new Natural Resources Committee.

While the Natural Resources Committee is responsible for recommendations on the parks, the group did not, apparently, order the barricades. Because the committee is susceptible to the Brown Act, such deliberations must be made at open meetings, with prior notice given to the public. City Attorney George Thacher told the Beacon he plans to advise the Natural Resources Committee regarding compliance with the open meeting laws.

"This time it was a matter of urgency," Thacher said. "The Mayor told the City Manager there might be a problem at the park involving harm to the butterflies. Based on that conversation he (Mike Huse) took action."

Huse said he anticipates further discussion to develop contingency plans for future emergencies, "because butterflies shift. They have wings."

Referring to an article regarding national publicity (in the 1/26/96 issue of the Beacon) for the butterflies and increased tourism in PG, Vacarro said,



"The ambience of a gentle forest glade full of butterflies has been marred and made ugly. I am heartsick." Ro Vacarro's reaction to a makeshift fence at the winter home of the Monarchs inside George Washington Park, Alder and Spruce, Pacific Grove.



Reforestation of George Washington Park is an ongoing project, recently benefitting from efforts by PG Eco-Corps to replace dying Monterey Pines. Monarch butterflies return to the tall trees annually, and are reportedly threatened by encroaching oaks.

"Tourists and publicity are not four-letter words."

"The whole thing has to do with some people seeing tourists as mindless hordes wreaking destruction, rather than gentle families of people, with grandparents and children, coming to see the butterflies. The cathedral-like tranquility (of the park) causes everyone to soften and gentledown."

Real estate sales

Residential sales in Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach for the week of 1/14 through 1/20.

PACIFIC GROVE

790 Junipero Ave. \$220,000, Charles Higuera to Celia Elsberry, 1/19/96.

809 Gate St., \$46,399, P1. Lender Services Inc. to Richard and Evelyn L. Ho, 1/19/96.

PEBBLE BEACH

17 MILE DR., \$1,435,000, George R. Walker to Dennis A. and Karen L. Le Vett, 1/17/96.

1023 Rodeo Rd., \$1,065,000, Robert E. Sarafan to Haig and Mary Ann Ashjian, 1/18/96.

Police Summer Games at Good Old Days

The 9th annual Police Summer Games event will be staged in conjunction with the Good Old Days, April 12-14.

The statewide competition involves two-person teams competing in precision motorcycle riding. Sixteen teams from throughout California have signed up, including, for the first time, one female contestant.

PGPD Chief Jon Reither said this is only the second time the offsite summer games have been held in PG.

Wittrock & Associates move to Pacific Grove

Wittrock and Associates, Inc., and DKW Productions have moved from Monterey to 663 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove, above Melac's Restaurant.

The move was actually announced in early November, but the Beacon misplaced the notice. Only recently did it reappear on the editor's coffee table.

Peg Wittrock, M.S. continues to provide speech/language pathology services, educational assessments, and tutoring referrals.

David Wittrock provides commercial voiceovers, narrations, and an audiocassette tour of Monterey's Path of History.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Hospice House honors Pius

Clint Eastwood and J. Daniel Tibbitts were present yesterday at the Hospice House for the dedication of the Pius Cup, in memory of Charles "Pope" Pius, who died last year.

Pius was co-chairman, with Tibbitts, of the Hospice Golf Scramble. The event, the most successful of its kind on the Peninsula, raised more than \$100,000 in 1995. Also on hand for the dedication were Clark Struve and Cricket Garcia, co-chairs of the event for 1996.

The Pius Cup will be awarded annually to winners of the four flights of the Hospice Golf Scramble.

Dickens dinner

The annual Dickens birthday dinner is tomorrow night, Saturday, Feb. 10, at the London Bridge Pub and Tea Room on Wharf #2, Monterey.

Those wishing more information on the Monterey Peninsula Dickens Fellowship should call Beth Penney at 372-7625.

Presidents' Day Wine Tasting

Pavona Wines will be featured at a Wine Tasting on Saturday, Feb. 17, 1 pm to 5 pm at The Monterey Wine Company, 251 Alvarado St., Monterey, near the Doubletree Hotel.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served with Pavona Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc and Zinfandel. Richard Kanakaris, founder of Monterey's newest line of wines, will host the event. No admission will be charged and no reservations are necessary. Call Pavona Wines at 646-1506 for further details.

Republican luncheon

Monterey Bay Republican Women Federated will hold a luncheon at 11:30 am on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Baylee's Restaurant, 1120 Lighthouse Ave., PG. Guest speakers will be Joan Peros and Jim Davis, the Republican candidates for the 27th District of the State Assembly. Cost is \$14.50. For reservations, call Betty Day at 372-3432.

Sculpture Group

Pacific Rim Sculptor's Group, a non-profit sculpture organization based in San Francisco has started a Central Coast Chapter. The Saturday, Feb. 17th meeting begins at 10 am at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave., PG. Topics for discussion include the planning and development of a sculpture festival, as well as the establishment of a local sculpture park. All interested parties are invited to attend. Call Eileen Auil at 372-6991 or Tibor Hajagos at 724-6342.

Alliance on Aging

The Alliance on Aging Senior Outreach program has announced luncheon programs for February, beginning today with "Weather, Weather and More Weather" by Bob Renard, volunteer weather observer and formerly of the Naval Postgraduate School.

The Feb. 16 program features Junior Ensemble with Nick Williams, Carmel Music Studio. Nick's students offer a mix of vocal and instrumental music.

On Feb. 23rd, Fat Cat Charter's Splash Party video will be shown. Lee and Manuel Alonso, longtime luncheon volunteers and parents of Joe Alonso, owner of the charter company, will aquatint

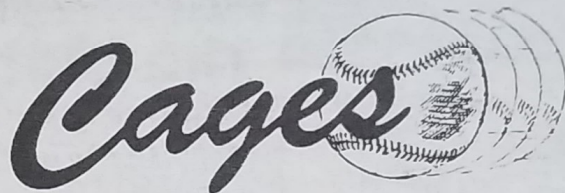
their viewers with Guam itself and then continue with a video boat ride in the surrounding waters.

Filhos Sale

Our Lady of Fatima Society of Pacific Grove is preparing for the annual Filhos (Portuguese Doughnuts) sale on Sunday, Feb. 18. The sale begins at 7 am in Saint Angela's hall. Those who go every year advise newcomers to get there early, because the popular doughnuts often sell out before closing time. Tables will be set up for those who wish to eat the treats at St. Angela's, over a cup of coffee. Call Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Miguel at 375-5843 for further details.

PBS network to aire butterfly parade

The national media frenzy over butterflies continues. Backyard Safari, a children's science program on the PBS network, will air video of PG's 1995 Butterfly Parade. Local videographer Bob Pacelli originally shot the footage for programming on a local cable channel. "The producer saw the show and tracked me down," Pacelli explained. "He plans to use it on the national network in September."



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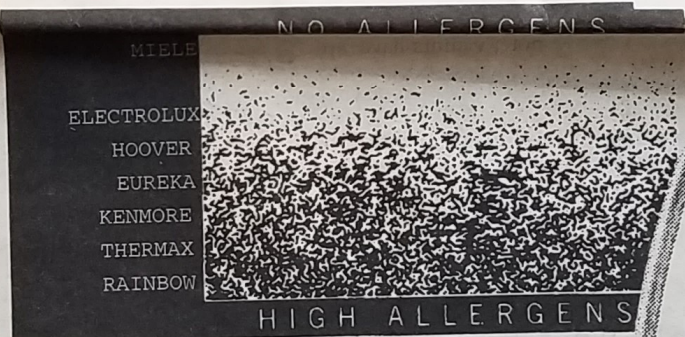
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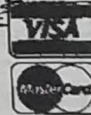
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POLICE BEAT

The blotter

by Janis Cain

—Juvenile battered by five other juveniles at PGHS. One arrested. Additional warrants outstanding, names not known.

—Vito's Restaurant, two men fighting over money.

—Resident needed assistance finding glasses inside his residence.

—Injured child in traffic mishap at Robert Down School.

—Injured child at Forest Grove school, transported to CHOMPS.

—Loud music on Arkwright

—Lost child, 700 blk. Pine.

—Runaway juvenile cited for curfew.

—Battery on juvenile female at Little Caesar's.

—Range Rover rolled 381-feet from Fifi's Cafe, across Forest to strike parked vehicle.

—Emergency Restraining Order issued on ex-boyfriend with violent history.

—DUI arrest, 1200 blk Presidio.

—Curfew violation. Girl transported to police station for mother to pick up.

—Injured deer, Highway 68 at Bishop.

—Burglary at Forest Hill Cleaners.

—Arrest in 400 block of Central for possession of marijuana for sale.

—Vehicle vs. power pole, 100 blk 17th, arrested for DUI, two priors, suspended licenses.

—Possession of abalone, 100 blk of Ocean View Blvd.

—Shots fired from Washington Park.

—Vicious dog on 6th and Junipero, captured after trying to bite people.

—100 Blk Forest, football playing in the street.

—1100 blk of Seaview, illegal fireworks.

—PGHS, purse taken from car.

—Discovery Shop, full length mink coat stolen

—Central & 5th, driver vs. pedestrian, minor injuries.

Safe living tips

from the Pacific Grove Police Dept.

There are many ways in which you can be conned. Here are a few types of fraud:

REPAIR FRAUD. Repair frauds are simple to execute but difficult to detect. Some crooked repair people don't fix the problem but they charge you anyway. Some use inferior parts. Others charge you for work you didn't expect. Some do "insurance" work — they'll repair one thing, but make sure that something else will soon go wrong.

HOME IMPROVEMENT FRAUD. Home repairs and improvements can be costly. So watch out if somebody offers to do an expensive job for an unusually low price, or if a firm offers to make a "free" inspection. You can bet these "free" inspections will turn up plenty of expensive repairs. If someone comes to your door who "just happened" to be walking by and noticed your home needs some repairs.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. Some work-at-home ventures are honest, but some are not. Don't be fooled by phony "opportunities."

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES. If you make a purchase in your home totaling \$25 or more, the salesperson must give you a written contract and two Notice of Cancellation Forms. The best way to avoid problems, however, is not to buy in the first place.

CHARITY FRAUD. You can make sure that any money you give as a donation gets into the right hands. Ask for identification. Give to charities that you know. Don't fall for high-pressure tactics. Be suspicious of charities that only accept cash. If a solicitor reaches you by telephone, offer to mail your donation.

SELF IMPROVEMENT FRAUD. Con artists know that everyone wants to look better. Selling worthless plans and cures is one of the easiest ways to make a quick buck. Use your common sense.

MEDICAL FRAUD. Don't fall for "miracle cures" and other phony health products, spas, mail-in lab tests and services.

HEALTH INSURANCE. Health insurance policies touted as "picking up where Medicare leaves off" often offer inadequate coverage. Before you buy a "medigap" policy, check with the State Insurance Commission, a lawyer, or your doctor.

UNSOLICITED MERCHANDISE. Cagey con artists will send you a "gift" in the mail. If you're the kind of person they're looking for, you'll feel guilty and pay for it. But you don't have to. If you did not order it, you don't have to pay for it.

BAIT AND SWITCH. The most classic case of "bait and switch" is when a store advertises something for one price, you go in and find out the store doesn't have the advertised item and the salesperson steers you over to a more expensive item. Beware of these tactics.

MAIL FRAUD. Beware of "winning" a contest you never entered — a technique to dupe you into buying something you don't want. If it's truly a "prize" it will not cost you one cent.

Teen arraignment set

No decision yet on whether the alleged mastermind of the PG McDonalds robbery of Jan. 9 — a juvenile — will be tried as an adult. Three of the six area teens arrested remain in custody and will be arraigned on Feb. 14.

Matthew Domaloag, 18, of Pacific Grove; Jarrell Myles, 19, of Marina; and Richard Davis, 18, of Monterey will stand trial in Superior Court.

Unless charged as an adult, perpetrators under 18 face relatively small consequences; the felonies are removed from the records when they reach 21 years of age.

In the McDonalds case, all six youths were aged 17-19.

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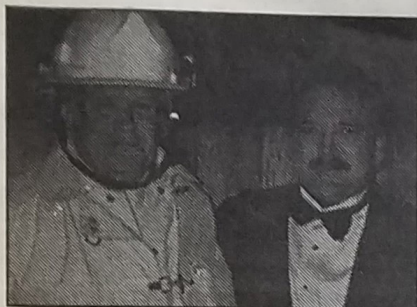
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RICHARD STILLWELL sports brand new firefighter gear presented to him after he was named Assistant Fire Chief by Chief Greg Glass, right. Veteran of 45 years with PGFD, Stillwell received Chamber of Commerce Dr. James Hughes Award for 1995.

Fire department names Stillwell Assistant Chief

By Neill Gardner

Richard Stillwell, who is known to many as The Man Who Makes It Snow in Pacific Grove, was honored by the Pacific Grove Fire Department in a ceremony at an Asilomar Christmas party. They made him an assistant fire chief. It was about time.

Stillwell has been with the department for 45 years. He served as a paid engineer from 1950 through 1962, then joined the volunteers and never left.

Born in Modesto, Stillwell moved to Pacific Grove after being severely burned when pouring gasoline into an automobile during a fishing trip on the Russian River. He was 13.

"It burned my pants off," Stillwell said. "I just couldn't stand the Modesto heat after that."

Stillwell's grandparents owned Palo Colorado at the time. "My grandmother planted those big trees you see down there," he said. "Somewhere around the house I have Palo Colorado land deeds signed by some president."

Early on, Dick and his wife Beverly lived in a now-demolished house on the present City Hall parking lot site. His children played on the town's fire trucks. He built a new home on Sixteenth Street but moved back to the first house later on.

Stillwell is proud of the annual Caledonia Park snow party, but he also recalls with satisfaction Santa's Workshop, a 40-foot long Christmas display that used to adorn the fire station.

"Bob Ross was the genius who painted the figures," Stillwell said. "One year the display was featured in Better Homes and Gardens. You can still find some of the animated items up on Candy Cane Lane."

Stillwell still gets a kick out of his association with the Fire Department. "Every kid dreams about riding fire trucks, but I get to do it," he said.

Among the oldtimers Stillwell remembers are Vic May, who served as building inspector. When the city combined that post with that of fire chief, he wore both hats. Then Al Page was named assistant building inspector and dispatcher for the Fire Department. "Al used to issue building permits right out of the fire station." He also recalls a period when Roy "By Golly" Wright, later a hardware store owner, was chief.

"There used to be three engineers on duty during a shift. If one was missing they'd blow the whistle for someone to

come in and help." Nowadays, everyone has a pager.

Among the more spectacular fires Stillwell recalls is the one that saw Merrill Hall at Asilomar burn to the ground. And he had a close call when the Women's Civic Club building went up in smoke.

The Women's Club was on the site where the Museum addition now stands. "I was wearing sneakers when I answered the call. By the time I got to the fire I was in my sock feet. I wound up sitting on a wall, blinded by smoke and getting ready to jump. Then the wind came up and cleared the smoke away."

Capt. Harold Conklin got on Dick's case when he was slow to hook up the hoses during the Grove Theater fire. "I was waiting for the truck to move, not realizing it was already at the hydrant."

Dick looks on the department as a second family. Some of the younger firefighters weren't born when he joined the PGFD. At 65, He is over the hill for service, but claims he was "grandfathered in."

He is happy with a decision not to move away from the Monterey Peninsula. "Some of those folks who did can't come back. The homes they sold now cost twice as much or more."

Bringing snow to Caledonia Park came about after Dick was invited to sit in on a Chamber of Commerce session aimed at producing a winter event. "Some lady named Diane came up with the idea and they were all scoffing at it. But I remembered when it really did snow in 1962 and all the fun the kids had playing in the stuff."

Before he knew what was happening, Stillwell found himself in charge of the snow party. He says no one objects to contributing money to such a fun project. "The only problem I ever had came when Mayor Flo Schafer worried about who was going to clean up after the horses. 'I told her I'd get some shovels and a bucket—and that she could help.'"

Last year the snow budget ran to \$9000. "We're \$85 short right now, but we'll get the money," Dick said. "There are 960 business licenses in this town. If each one would contribute \$10, we'd be in the black."

P.G. Chamber of Commerce honored Stillwell with the Dr. James Hughes Award last year.

Stillwell was in business for nine years with Don McCann in the M&S Building Supply on Del Monte Boulevard starting in 1961. "Business was so good right from the start that I had to quit being a regular fireman and join the volunteers." Partnership conflicts compelled Stillwell to sell out.

He started Pacific Grove Hardware kitty-corner from City Hall in 1978. His son-in-law, Bill Derowski, manages the store. "He runs it just the way I like it. It's an old fashioned hardware store. If people need to fix something, they bring it in and we'll help them and charge them only for the materials."

Fire Chief Greg Glass is appreciative of the value of volunteers. In a recent survey PGFD cost per run was among the lowest in the nation. Glass credits that to the VFD.

"With help from the service clubs, the volunteers have placed free smoke alarms in homes all over town. They installed new play equipment in Caledonia Park. Because of the VFD we can handle

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Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove, (Christian Church), 442 Central. Adult Bible study 9:30 am. Worship Service (including Children's Sunday School) 11am. Pastor Richard Niell Donovan. 372-0363

First Church of God 1023 David Ave., Pacific Grove. Sunday school at 9:45 am. Worship at 11 am. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 pm. Youth Nite Friday at 6:30 pm. Pastor Tim Doramus. 372-5005

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Newsbriefs

Tree planting

PG Eco-Corps reports that after five years of planting, PG is richer by 1,851 trees and 608 understory (forest undergrowth) plants. Most recently 50 volunteers joined in a work party at George Washington Park to reforest the area with 75 Monarch pines and numerous native plants, such as coffeeberry, huckleberry and iris. Sponsored by the City of PG, the event was directed by Eco-Corps' "plant nabob," Katy Travaille.

Park vandalism

The Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Course is being vandalized. About 40 divots were taken from the 5th green and rope stakes were stolen. In addition, an arson fire was started in a golf course bathroom adjacent to the maintenance facility.

City Manager Mike Huse reports steps are being taken to better secure the buildings and intensify police patrol activity in the vicinity of the golf course.

Caltrans meeting

City Attorney George Thatcher and City Manager Mike Huse traveled to San Luis Obispo Tuesday to meet with Caltrans officials regarding the relinquishment of Highway 68. Also on the agenda was a discussion of improvements in and around the Forest Hill commercial area where utility cables will be going underground.

Water agency

City Council will receive an update next week on last week's meeting of Peninsula mayors with Senator Henry Mello regarding a future water agency. Mayor Sandy Koffman and City Manager Mike Huse attended the meeting.

Mixer on 27th

This month's Business After Hours Mixer is hosted by PG Software, InfoHut virtual destination, 510 Lighthouse. The Chamber event runs from 5 to 7 pm.

Candidate forum

Political candidates are making themselves available to the Chamber at the annual Membership Lunch and Board Nomination, hosted by Pebble Beach Company at The Lodge at Pebble Beach. Call Moe Ammar at the Chamber, 373-3304 for more information.

Buddy class Tuesday

To become a friend to a lonely youngster can be a powerful and rewarding experience. To learn more about how you can become a "Big Buddy," the public is invited to participate in the upcoming orientation, Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 7-8 pm.

The Buddy Program of the Monterey Peninsula, an agency that matches adult companions one to one with children from single parent families, offers prospective volunteers an opportunity to learn more about the roles, responsibilities, and rewards of being a Big Buddy.

The informational meeting is at Mariposa Hall conference room, 801 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Call 655-9231.

Earlier deadline for Feast court selection

The selection process for the Feast of Lanterns Royal Court will be moved up by two months this year, to allow the young women selected for the Court and the Board of Directors, to better schedule preparatory Feast of lanterns activities around functions at the end of the school year.

Applications for the 1996 Royal Court are available at Pacific Grove High School, Middle School, and the Chamber of Commerce, where completed applications will be picked up March 1. Interviews for all those who submit applications will be scheduled Saturday, March 9.

The 1996 Royal Court will be publicly announced after the 1995 Court has made its final appearance in Pacific Grove's Good Old Days parade, April 12-14.

Applicants must be residents of Pacific Grove, in the eighth through the 12th grade at the time of applications, and must be willing to commit their time to Feast of Lanterns activities throughout the summer they serve on the Royal Court. They need not attend Pacific Grove schools; applications are accepted from PG residents who attend schools in other cities.

For more information, please call 372-7625.

Opening on golf advisory committee

The City of Pacific Grove has an immediate opening for a community at-large member on the Golf Course Advisory Committee.

Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, the committee serves as a liaison between the community, the city council, and the municipal golf course.

Applicants should have an interest in and knowledge of the game of golf and the course itself, and should not be affiliated with any of the PG golf clubs.

Applications are available at City Hall, 300 Forest Ave. Deadline for receipt of completed forms is 5 pm. Feb. 16. Contact the City Manager's office at 648-3106 for further information.

Stillwell is asst. chief

Continued from previous page

more calls at one time than any other department on the Peninsula," Glass said. "We handled 58 alarms in the recent storm. Our volunteers have travelled all over the state in emergencies. Sometimes members just close down their businesses in order to respond. They're incredible."

Pacific Grove Fire Department has 18 paid personnel and 37 volunteers. There is a waiting list for volunteers. New trainees will be selected—if there is room—next November.

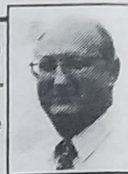
Dick Stillwell will probably be in hand to offer them a little grandfatherly advice. You can take the kid out of the fire truck, but you can't take the fire truck out of the kid.

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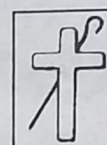
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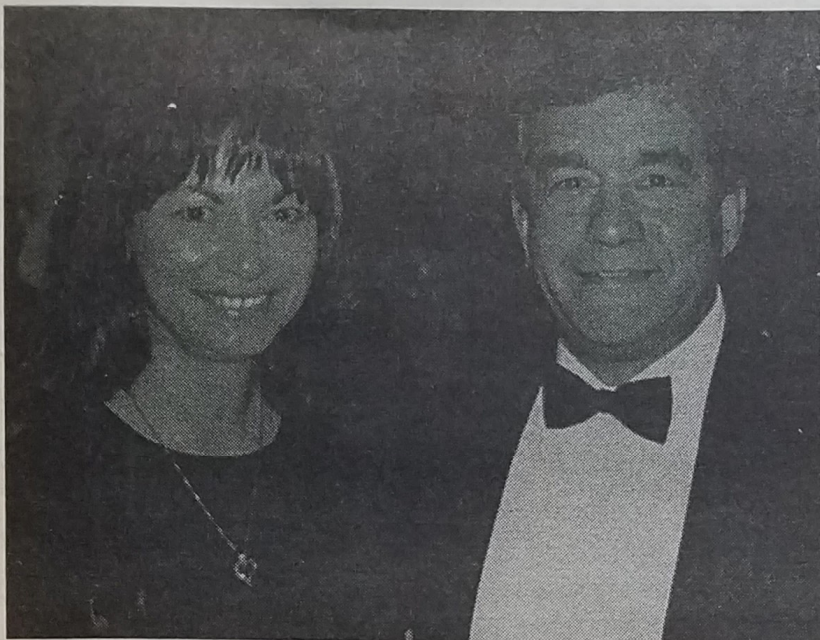
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Charlie Higuera, Grove Market, was honored for his volunteer service benefiting PG students. He is pictured here with his wife, Barbara.



Debbie Tucker's service to the students of PG was honored. Debbie and Steve Tucker own the In-Line Skating company. *Beacon photos by Eric Colby*



Jane Durant Jones, center, Chairperson of PG PRIDE, was honored for her volunteer service, as were Nate Piotrkowski, left, and Connie Lenz, right.



Jan Covell, of the PG PRIDE Governing Board, served as Auction Chair. She is photographed here with Wes Truscott.

Community takes PRIDE in Taste of PG fundraiser gala

by Janis Cain

PG's gala fundraiser, The Great Taste of PG, raised about \$20,000 for local schools and provided a great night out for 350 adults last Sunday. PG PRIDE, now in its 14th year of providing financial support to local schools, organized the annual event, co-sponsored by The Inn at Spanish Bay, KCCN-TV, and Altura Software, Inc.

The evening included wine tasting and food sampling provided by local restaurants and wineries. A silent auction featured items and services contributed by merchants, parents, teachers and students.

Held at The Inn at Spanish Bay, restaurants contributing to the evening's dining extravaganza were Asilomar Conference Center, Carmel Confections, El Cocodrilo, Gizdich Ranch, Goodies Deli, Old Bath House, Patisserie Bechler, Peppers Mexicali Cafe, Riley's Ice Cream Parlor, Round Table Pizza, Thai Bistro, The Tinnery, Vito's Italian Restaurant, and Vivolo's Chowder House.

Wines and Beverages were provided by Richard Boyer Winery, Chateau Julien, Guelilemo Winery, Hahn Estates, Jekel Vineyards, J. Lohr Winery, Monterey Peninsula Winery, River Ranch Vineyards, Smith and Hook Winery, Ventanna Vineyards, Caravalis Coffee, San Andreas Brewery, and Sparolini Distributors.

PG PRIDE was founded to help meet classroom needs imposed by cut-backs in public funding and has raised more than \$350,000 in contributions for classroom needs in PG.

Scholastic chess tourney champs include PG elementary students

The Pacific Grove Recreation Department held a Scholastic Chess Tournament for kids ages 5-14 last month. Champions of the tournament were determined by most rounds won within the child's chess squad. Fifty-six children from around the Peninsula participated in this mind-challenging event. The 16 tournament winners were:

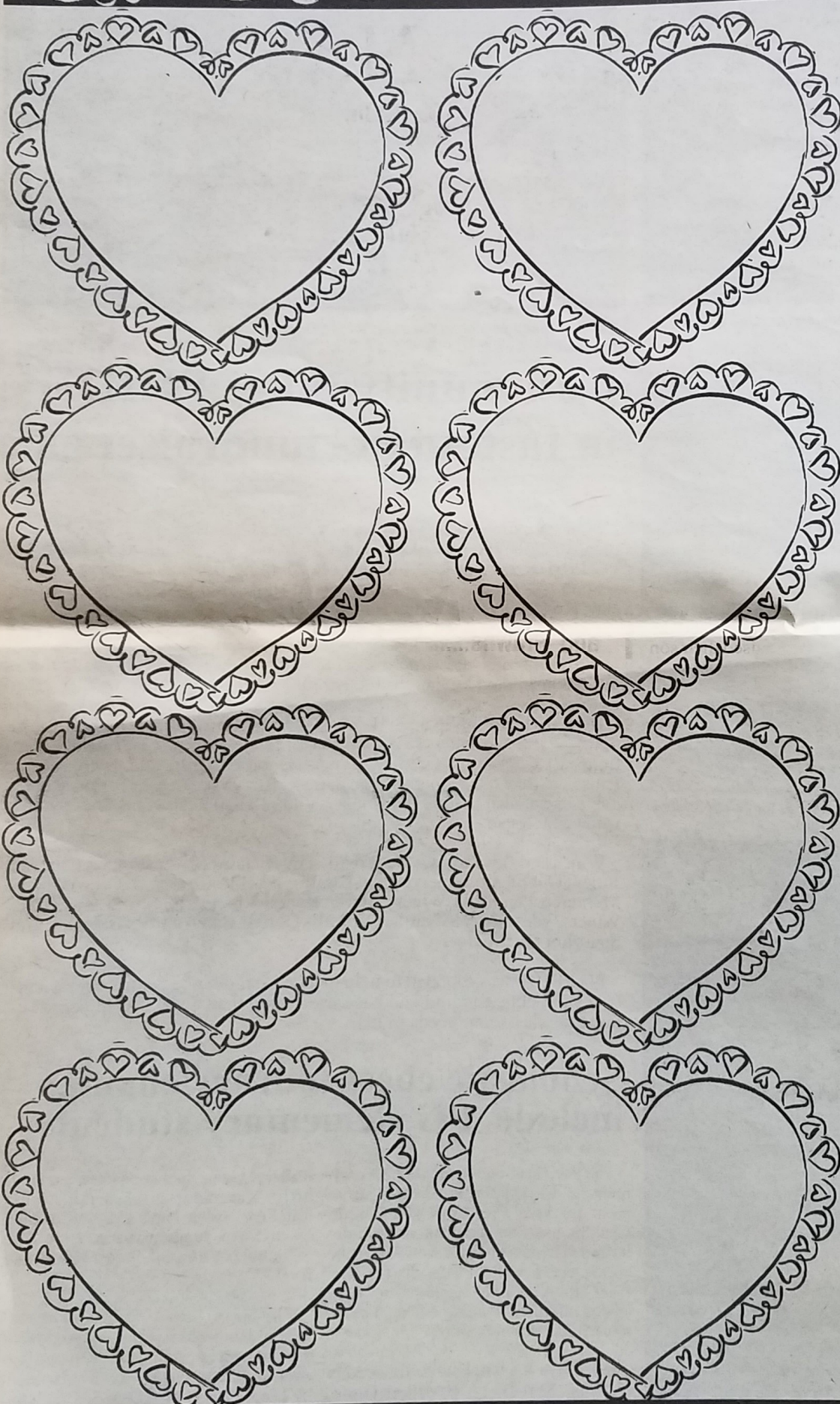
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Robert Down; Spencer Morrison, Foothill; Alexander Nikssarian, Santa Catalina; Nolan Paul; Casey Silva and Devin Silva, Junipero Serra; Nicholas Villareal, Forest Grove; and Ryan Williams, Foothill.

The next Chess Tournament and School Jamboree is scheduled for March 24. Interested participants can pre-register for \$12 at the PG Rec Department by March 21 to avoid the late registration of \$20.

Call 648-3130 for further details.

REMEMBER YOUR VALENTINE



Thots while shaving

by Eric Colby

Changes. During the break between years, the Beacon's brain trust met to evaluate last year's performance and plan changes for 1996. There was a movement to rid the paper of my column which I saved by promising to comply to several restrictive conditions which my psychiatrist heartily applauded; summed up, they demanded that I give up on City Council constrain myself to positive comments about life in the Grove. I suggested changing the name of this column to "Brigadoon by the Bay" but was told the lack of continuity would confuse readers.

Youth Center. I was also allowed one parting shot. Somewhere in this issue is a report by me on the evolution of the 6,000 sf youth center building soon to be constructed on the deficient foundation once built to support a palace for the "Community Development Department." It's an interesting story, and I could go on and on. Actually, I did. See pages one, two and three. Keep in mind, as will I, that past is past and all of us are looking to the future. It's an obviously attractive new structure going up over Rebar Park. A fine finish, despite a messy start.

Let's hope that's what all of us will say about the Beacon next year -- during the break between years.

Latest laser trick safer than RK for eye repair

The newest advance in correcting vision is the excimer laser, and Community Hospital is the first hospital on the Central Coast to acquire the revolutionary corrective vision technology.

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KAZU Board meeting

The next meeting of the board of directors of Monterey Bay Public Radio/KAZU will be held on Feb. 20, 6 pm, at the Monterey Bay Inn, 242 Cannery Row, Monterey. KAZU board meetings are open to the public and the opportunity for comment is available. Call 375-7275 for further information.

PEOPLE



Helen and Ben Higbie note 50th anniversary

by Janis Cain

Helen Martin was a librarian in her home town of Hollister when she left for Salinas to work for the Federal Ration Board and to serve as a U.S.O. hostess during WW II.

Benjamin Higbie, also born in Hollister, enlisted in the Army Air Corp. and went overseas to Clark Air Base, Luzon, Philippine Islands in 1940. The first time Ben met Helen — at an Elks' Club Christmas Dance in Hollister — he said something wacky.

"He told me he was going to marry me some day!" Helen told the Beacon. "Not only was I was with some-

one else at the time, I was still in my teens. I told him he was crazy."

After serving on Bataan and Mindanao Island, Ben was taken prisoner in May, 1942. In October of that year he was transported to Japan where, as a prisoner of war, he worked in a steel mill until 1945.

During those days, weeks, months and years, Ben carried a photo in his pocket. "They took everything else away from me," Ben explains, "but they let me keep the little wallet-size photo of Helen Martin."

Released and returned home in October, 1945, Ben and Helen were married on Ben's 30th birthday, Dec. 16, 1945, at Sacred Heart Church, Hollister.

Ben was working for the Southern Pacific Company, Monterey, and in 1963, went to work for the U.S. Post Office, Pacific Grove, where he retired in 1979.

Ben was Cubmaster of Pack 39 and Scoutmaster, Troop 90, both in Pacific Grove; volunteer Fireman, Pacific Grove, for 10 years; and Site Captain Monterey Food Bank "Senior Brown Bag" program for 16 years.

Ben and Helen Higbie have lived at 874 Gibson for 48 years, since the house was built. They raised their son and daughter



Larry Foy, left, President of the United Way Board of Directors, and Mark Verbonich, center, President of the Pebble Beach Company Foundation, were both on hand last month at the formal presentation of contributions by Tom Oliver, President of Pebble Beach Company.

Pebble Beach Concours raises another \$125,000 for local charities

The United Way of the Monterey Peninsula and the Pebble Beach Company Foundation have received another \$125,000 from the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

To date, over \$8 million has been contributed to these two charities which "have a tradition of solving community problems, whether they be health, morale, welfare, or education," noted Sandra Kasky, Executive Director of the Concours.

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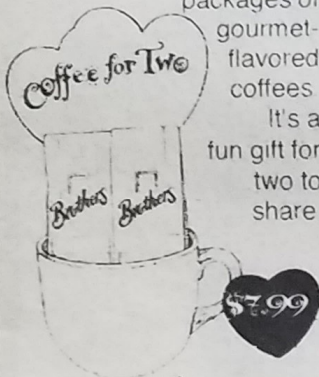
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"Powerful" weekend experienced by Youth to Youthers

by Alexis Filippini, PGHS

Hundreds of students from all over California spent the night in the gym at Pacific Grove High School last weekend. What could make that many kids sleep on the floor? Youth to Youth.

Teenagers from 8th through 12th grades participated in the second annual drug-free conference of, by and for youths. Youth to Youth conferences focus on self esteem, awareness and drug resistance, with teenagers themselves planning and staffing the overnight weekend program.

Both students and adults within Pacific Grove donated hundreds of hours preparing for this event. Student leaders Alexis Filippini and Megan Solow, along with adult Al Filippini coordinated the program. Everyone's work paid off. The conference was a smashing success. Over 186 participants attended, including both local students and those who traveled from high schools and colleges throughout California, including U.C. Davis and U.C. Santa Cruz.

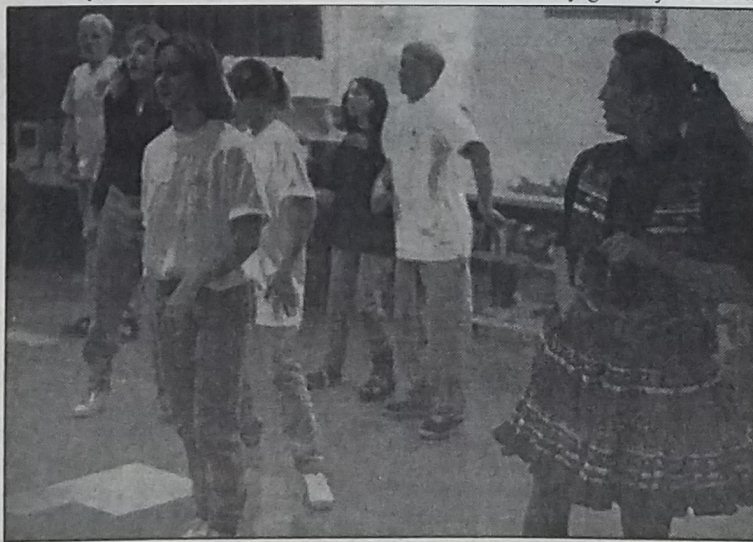
Throughout the first day, students met in groups of 11, called family groups, to play games and discuss the events of the day, along with the issues presented by various speakers. Keynote speaker Jennifer Esperante Gunter discussed dream victory — the possibility of achieving success with whatever you do. She also gave a workshop later that afternoon.

Other workshops included belly dancing, Tales of an FBI Agent, Rape Crisis Center, beading, and balloon art.

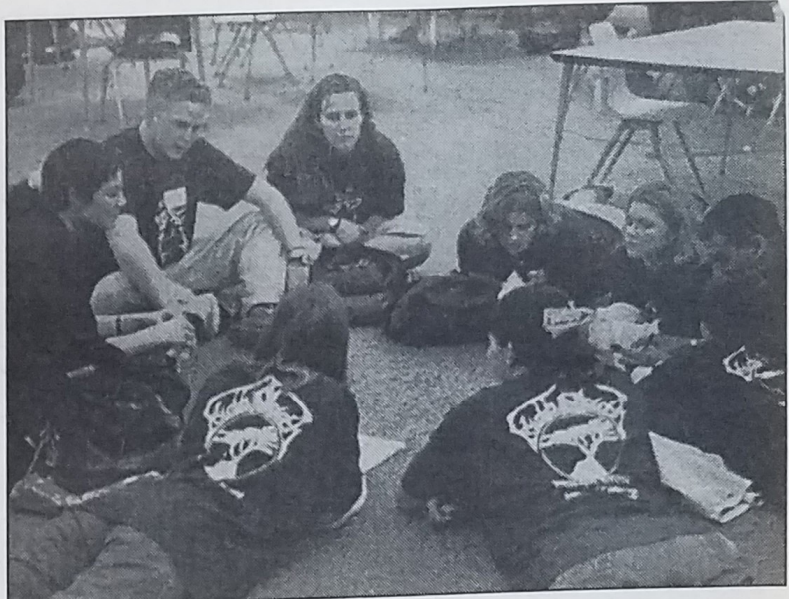
A moving performance was given that evening, by a teen theater group from Santa Cruz High School. "Lifescrits" based their skits on the students' own true stories of issues and attitudes affecting today's teenagers.

At the end of the day, a dance extravaganza, including revolving D.J.'s, smoothies and tons of food, provided an opportunity to socialize.

Finally, it was bedtime.



PGHS's Mrs. Amos leads a workshop in line dancing for Youth to Youthers



Youth to Youth staffers brainstorm ideas for the weekend activities.

With boys on one side of the gym and girls on the other, the group slept soundly until 6:30 am.

Thanks to the Kiwanis Club, participants, staff and volunteers ate a hearty pancake breakfast to fuel them for the big day ahead.

After breakfast, five staff members on the Drug Free Panel opened their hearts and shared their life experiences with drugs and alcohol. Revelations ranged from those who had never experimented with drugs, to those experiencing serious consequences from drug abuse. The audience related to one extreme or the other — or somewhere in between.

Later on Sunday morning, the staff members put together a Drug Free Variety Show, comprised of skits that seemed pointless yet hilarious, and that also had hidden meanings. During the closing ceremonies, most participants exchanged addresses, many cried, and all looked forward to meeting again.

For the staff, however, the day was not over yet. Micah Jacobsen presented a fabulous staff party, including food, cake and a presentation. This event provided the staff with an opportunity to learn, relax and say good-bye to each

other. In October, Pacific Grove Middle School will host a similar conference, so many of the staff members will return to "the last hometown."

The overall experience of Youth to Youth is indescribable; it goes beyond a weekend conference. The camaraderie and familiarity exhibited by the staff is something hard to find, even within families and friends. Because so many Pacific Grove students attended, this conference was especially powerful. We got to know people we see every day at school but would never otherwise talk to.

Most importantly, more than 200 students spent a weekend with friends, meeting new people, and having fun. All without using drugs.

Short school week preceeds big break

PG schools are closed this Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15 and 16 for workshops and curriculum development, and again next week, Feb. 19 - Feb. 23 for winter break.

Lyceum programs expand student horizons, options

For many PG students, school doesn't end with the sound of the bell. Going well beyond the curricula of public and private schools, the Lyceum is a non-profit educational organization providing programs to supplement traditional studies.

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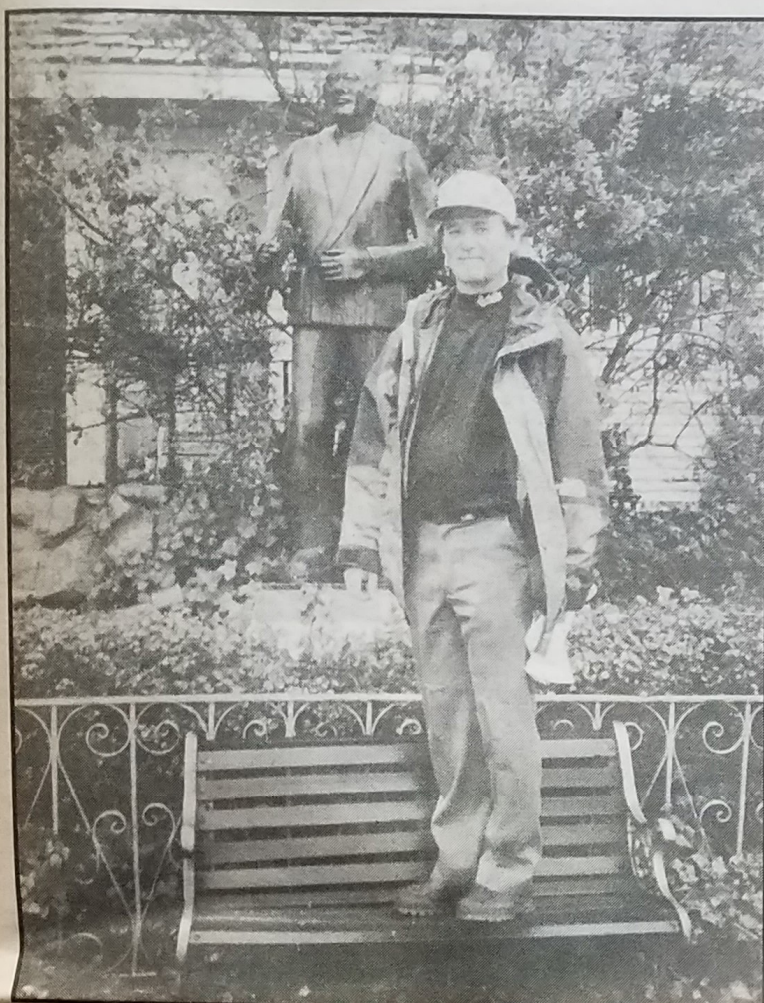
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Actor and funnyman Bill Murray poses in front of a John Steinbeck statue and what he hopes will be the future John Steinbeck Museum on Central Ave., Pacific Grove.

Bill Murray gives \$15,000 to fund Steinbeck museum dream

Richard Andolsen is still pinching himself. Who would believe it?

When Bill Murray, (yes the Big Guy of stage, screen and old Saturday Night Live fame), won \$10,000 this week at the AT&T Pro-Am, he announced he would donate the big prize to his favorite charity.

Murray was referring to the plans of Richard Andolsen to create a John Steinbeck museum here in Pacific Grove.

Andolsen had succeeded in inviting Murray over to see the home on Central Avenue that once belonged to John Steinbeck's mother, a place which the famous author is to have built an addition where he lived and did some writing.

It's full of Steinbeck memorabilia that Andolsen has collected.

Andolsen now owns the home known for the life-size statue of Steinbeck in front. Upon seeing the place and hearing Andolsen's dream, Murray whipped out his checkbook and gave the Steinbeck memorial another \$5,000 from his personal bank account.

Andolsen says he met Murray last year in a bar, where the two discussed Steinbeck and Andolsen's dream of someday making his museum a reality. His enthusiasm, which he shares periodically with the city council at public meetings, has not yet earned an official blessing. His initiative has been noticed and praised, however, by Hillary Clinton.

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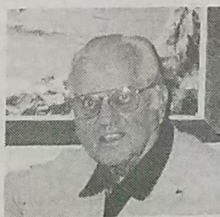
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Club news

by Nadine Annand

MAKING THE NEWS. Just getting ready to type this column and wondering what to lead off with when the phone rang. It was Shirley Bass, PG Chamber of Commerce manager in the '60s, calling from El Paso, Texas. She now has her own advertising business and says Evelyn Schutzler, then bookkeeper for the C.ofC., had sent her a Beacon in which I noted Shirley had paid a surprise visit to Evie's retirement party last year. She said the surprise was payback time for something Evie had done years ago at a City Council meeting during which she intended to clear up a specific matter. She was happily and gratefully surprised when Evie's unannounced voice was heard from the audience — saving her the explanation. Shirley said the late Don Grafton, mayor at the time, called the matter closed.

Still interested in Pacific Grove, Shirley said she intends to subscribe to the Beacon.

Evaluation forms. A result of these tabulations and suggested ideas will be discussed at the business meeting on Monday, Feb. 12. Hostess for the evening is Gloria Gargiulo with able assistance from Lee Atha Gore. The dinner meeting on Monday, Feb. 267 will be chaired by Mary Catherine McHale, Vocational Service chairman. Leslie Di Maggio is the newest member of the club.



Clemencia Macias

Clemencia Macias on local UNA board

At its first meeting of 1996, the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula United Nations Association installed Clemencia Macias as Vice President - Programs.

Macias, born in Columbia, was formerly a producer for Japanese television at the UN headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Now living in PG, she is involved with languages within Monterey Peninsula, working with AT&T Language Line, and on a government project with the Defense Language Institute.

Currently, Macias is producing a series of bilingual video tapes for high school and college age students. The productions express the culture of Latin America through music and video.

Monterey education will benefit as the first recipients of the tapes. Macias received grants from U.S. foundations to develop the project and is now awaiting additional grants for completion and distribution.

Macias was selected for the UNA Board after serving as Mayor Sandy Koffman's appointee last year to the steering committee for the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations.

President of the UNA Board is David McIntyre, Carmel, and Maria Owen, Pebble Beach, is chairman of public relations. Those interested in joining UNA should contact Maria Wilhelm, membership chairman, at 625-0208.

PG bank not closing

Great Western will not close its PG branch after all. The bank had reportedly planned to consolidate its Peninsula branches, but will now keep all four area banks open in anticipation of further bank mergers.

ON THE AGENDA. Lighthouse Keepers will meet on Valentine's Day (evening actually) at the home of Harriett Johansen. Of course, some business has to be transacted, but the main program for the monthly meeting will be a "Select" White Elephant Sale. The auction items range from the sublime to the ridiculous. Beside bringing in a few \$\$, they provide lots of laughs. Co-hostesses for 2/14 are Karen Mignano, Erma Dinkel and Nadine Annand.

MORE ELEPHANTS. It wasn't just white elephants that caused the most laughs when Adobe Questers met in January for the annual unwanted Christmas gift exchange meeting.

This time it was a coconut head which made a second visit following the 1995 initial visit. What started out as a fun exchange years ago has become a little serious at time with some lovely (unwanted?) gifts showing up. The scary coconut Pirate head, complete with a black patch over one eye, gold earring and red bandanna will surface again in 1977 without fail. The trick is to disguise the wrapping so no one can tell what it contains. Making reappearances through the years have been a crocheted beercan hat and several large ashtrays. Trying to disguise a large, unwieldy ash tray is not easy, especially when those choosing exchange gifts have suspicious and wary minds.

The fun party was preceded by the business of the day, including news that the booklet now at the printers on the life of Emily Fish, Socialite Lighthouse Keeper will be presented to the PG Museum of Natural History in the near future. Jean Stumbo, Adobe president has written the biography of the woman whose place in history at Point Pinos Lighthouse inspired the Questers to refurbish the parlor in the Victorian period

ALTRUSA AGAIN. Halfway through the club year, Altrusa International of the Monterey Peninsula spend the January dinner meeting filling out Mid Term

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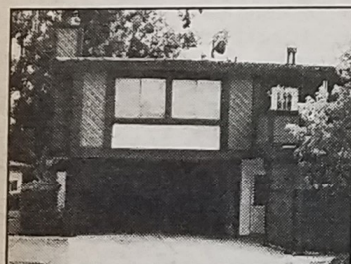
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DEATHS

Jehanne Salinger Carlson, 98, Pa-
cific Grove, died at her home of heart
failure on January 31. The mother of
Pierre Salinger (press secretary for
President John F. Kennedy and former
California senator), Mrs. Carlson was a
longtime journalist and poet, and an
active supporter of the arts.

Born in France on March 29, 1897,
she graduated from a university in Paris,
then went to Saigon to take over her
father's small bank and French-language
newspaper. She was eventually ap-
pointed to represent Indochina the first
Pan Pacific Conference in Honolulu
around 1922.

She was in San Francisco, on her way
back to France, when she met and later
married Herbert Salinger. She edited
newspapers in Toronto and San Fran-
cisco and at one time was art and music
editor of the San Francisco Examiner.

Her husband died in 1939. She later
married Jerome Carlson.

Mrs. Carlson headed the French divi-
sion of the Office of War Information
during the war, and was an active par-
ticipant in the formation of the United
Nations in San Francisco after the war.

She ran an art appreciation project in
later years, taking paintings to
California's rural communities and of-
ten lecturing on art in both the US and
Canada. She was also an editor at the
Humboldt Times in Eureka. Most re-
cently she wrote book and music re-
views for The Herald.

She was given one of the highest hon-
ors France gives outside the country,
awarded her for her continuing support
of French culture.

A PG resident for 25 years, she for-
merly resided in Carmel.

Survivors include her husband of 45
years, Jerome; four sons, Pierre Salinger
of Washington, D.C., Herb Salinger of
Sacramento, George Salinger of San
Carlos and Richard Salinger of Malay-
sia; 12 grandchildren; 20 great grand-
children, and one great great grandchild.

Memorial services were held last
weekend, followed by a scattering of
ashes at sea.

The family suggests memorial contri-
butions may be sent to the Alliance
Francaise of the Monterey Peninsula.

Mathel W. Stanley, 96, Pacific Grove,
died January 28 at Del Monte Rest
Home.

Born Dec. 21, 1900 in Paragould, Ar-
kansas, Mrs. Stanley was a 16 year re-
sident of Pacific Grove, a member of the
Christian Church of Pacific Grove and
a former resident of Palm Springs where
she retired from Warren Imports in
1979.

She is survived by her daughter
Jacquelyn S. Ash of Pacific Grove and
grandchildren Karen Ash of Salinas and
Brian Ash of Modesto. She is also sur-
vived by one great grandchild. Her late
husband, William T. Stanley, died in
1966.

Wayne Albert Patrick, 68, Pacific
Grove, died Feb. 1 at his home.

The Assistant Director of Health for
Monterey County, Mr. Patrick was born
January 8, 1928 in Mt. Sylvan, TX and
was a resident of Pacific Grove for 28
years.

He was a graduate of Texas A&M
University. He served in the U.S. Army
from 1948 to 1978, winning the Merito-
rious Service Medal and the Bronze Star.

Mr. Patrick is survived by one son,
Daniel W. Patrick of Palo Colardó Can-
yon; brothers, Robert Patrick of Lindale,
TX and John Patrick of New Boston, TX;
one sister, Ora Fuller of Lindale, TX; and
one grandson, Nathaniel Patrick of
Carmel.

The family suggests contributions in
his memory may be sent to First United
Methodist Church of Pacific Grove, P.O.
Box 60, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

**Malvina "Vinnie" Phoebe Hudson-
Need**, 75, Pacific Grove, died Feb. 4 at
Monterey Pines.

Born Aug. 27 in Henrietta, TX, she
was a 49-year resident of Pacific Grove
where she was a seamstress, making
custom draperies, slipcovers and many
other items.

Survivors include daughters, Vera V.
Stuart-Henson of Pacific Grove and
Susan L. de S. Canavaro of San Jose;
brother, James Hudson of Chico; sister,
Theda Arlotti of Apple Valley; cousin,
Charlotte Cardisco of Los Gatos, and
three grandchildren.

Elizabeth Jaquette Houghton, 90,
died Feb. 4 in Pacific Grove.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mrs.
Houghton graduated from George
Washington University. She later lived
in Germany, France and Japan, with her
husband on U.S. Army assignments.

The Monterey Peninsula was her
home for the past 35 years.

Survivors include her husband of 69
years, Colonel Francis Eugene
Houghton; son Robert Jaquette of Sac-
ramento; daughter Elizabeth Ann of
Holland, Michigan; 11 grandchildren
and 14 great grandchildren.

Friends are invited to attend services
a 2 pm Saturday, Feb. 10 at St. John's
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Interment will be in Arlington National
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Remembrances may go to the Ameri-
can Heart Association.

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Matthew 11:28

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and from the hard bondage wherein
thou wast made to serve.

Isaiah 14:3



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ART & ENTERTAINMENT

About Town

Goodies Delicatessen in Pacific Grove is the unique setting for Susan Jordan's new watercolor showing running through April 1. Jordan's exhibit shows well in the bright, light, plant-filled cafe — the perfect spot to display Susan's traditional, realistic watercolors.

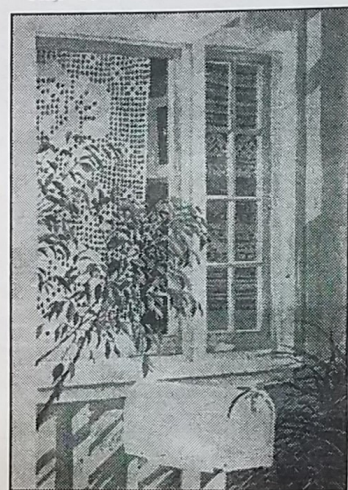
Her pictures of seascapes, flower gardens, cottage porches — all inspired by PG's local beauty — show a strong interest in the interplay of light and shadow, and a passion for nature. This Carmel artist studied water-

Mexico. Her work has been featured at the California Palace Legion of Honor, the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, and the Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco.

"Quiet Painting: California Tonalism" is an exhibit of the work of California painters in the early part of the century who strove to capture the softer and moodier tones of twilight.

Among artists represented are Charles Dickman, who had a street in Monterey named after him; Eugen Neuhaus, who is represented by a 1908 painting "Old Road to Monterey;" Peter Rohde, Bertha Stringer Lee, Sydney Yard and other artists of the period.

The gallery, located at 206 Fountain Ave., is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a. to 5 pm and by appointment. Call 373-6007 for further details.



Susan Jordan watercolors

color in her native England and with Harold Holly in Connecticut, before settling on the Monterey Peninsula.

Jordan is currently working on a series of pictures entitled "Cotswolds in the Fall," inspired by her recent visit to the English countryside.

Hauk Gallery

Recent art from Mexico and early art from California is exhibited at Hauk Fine Arts in Pacific Grove.

"Paintings from Mexico: New Work by Judith Deim." Deim, who was a friend of John Steinbeck's and Ed Ricketts when she made her home in Monterey in the 1940s, now lives in a small Indian village near Patzcuaro,

Photography Show

Scenic and Social Landscapes by photographer Steve G. Shapiro are on display through March 8 at the Vehicle Gallery in the back of the Camera Exchange, Lighthouse Avenue.

Shapiro, of Pebble Beach, was fortunate to have Ansel Adams as a neighbor and the two happened to become close friends. At Adams' invitation, he joined a local camera club called Friends of Photography in Carmel. Each Sunday, for a year and a half, Shapiro enjoyed critique sessions from Adams, as well as Immogene Cunningham, Wynn Bullock, Ed Weston (of Chicago) and Brett Weston.

Many of Shapiro's award-winning photographs are currently on sale at the Vehicle Gallery for the nominal price of \$205 for 16 x 20s. Scenic and social landscapes of dazzling color, these prints are on newly developed archival color papers.

Shapiro likes to think of his images as 'plein air' or outdoor landscapes. Rather than nature photography or photo-journalism, his work shows the landscape as metaphor on the human condition.

Shakespeare Sonnets

A staged reading and analysis of beautiful Shakespearean poetry will be presented at the Hoffman Playhouse, Lighthouse and Hoffman, at 7 pm on Feb. 25.

William H. Logan, local Shakespearean actor, wrote the new production, which includes the reading of 32 Sonnets as well as an analysis of Shakespeare's life experiences.



Gospel recording artists will perform tonight, Friday, Feb. 9th, at PG Middle School in honor of Black History Month. Tickets will be sold at the door.

The Pacific Grove Art Center invites you to artist's org.

Chautauque in PG, is the Ball, a Bobo reminiscence day, February Prizes will be awarded to the most successful costume.

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Le Beaux Arts Ball

The Pacific Grove Friends of the Arts invites you to "abandon yourself to an artist's orgy!"

Chautauqua Hall, on Central and 16th in PG, is the setting for Les Beaux Arts Ball, a Bohemian costume extravaganza reminiscent of Gay '90s Paris on Saturday, February 24, 8 pm to midnight. Prizes will be given for the most fanciful costume.

The Moonlighters Extraordinary Band will provide dance music and guests will indulge themselves in hors d'oeuvres while feasting their eyes on auction items from selected local artists.

All proceeds benefit the Arts of Pacific Grove, including Children's ArtFest, Artists in the Schools, Music at the Mayflower, Free Concerts in the Park, Performances for Children and the Pacific Grove High Art Awards.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance or \$35 at the door. Call 373-3326 or 373-6698 for further information.

Auditions

Openings are available in the tenor, bass and soprano sections of the Monterey County Symphony Chorus. Auditions are now underway for the 1966 concert season which includes Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

For information, call 624-8511

Art Club

Art Club continues on Saturdays — Feb. 10, 17, and 24 with printmaking, sculpture and papermaking, respectively, presented by the Monterey Peninsula of Art at the Holman House in Pacific Grove. These classes are taught by Jim Sarno, Rebecca Ramos and Sandy Fene.

Lecture series

Art historian and MPMA docent Forbes Keaton will present a two part lecture series, February 21 and 28 at La Mirada, 2-3 pm. Part I is "The Gentle Art of Making Enemies" wherein Ms. Keaton will look at Whistler's colorful life in Impressionist Paris and Victorian England through the artist's own words and paintings. Part II, "Art for Art's Sake," compares Whistler's works and the Japanese prints on exhibit, examining the profound impact of Japanese art on Whistler and Modern art. Non-members pay \$30. Call 372-5477 for further details.

Drawing

"Life Drawing for Adults" is taught by Dick Crispo on Feb. 10th and 17th, 9am - noon at the Holman House. Non-members pay \$125. Call 372-5477 for more information.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Will Fisher run for mayor?

By Neill Gardner

Morris Fisher, who served 12 years as a Councilman and another four as Mayor, intends to seek public office again in 1996. He said he will not run for the mayor's office so long as the incumbent, Sandra Koffman, wants to stay on the job. Fisher said he thinks Koffman is doing a good job.

During his administration Fisher shied away from micromanagement. He believes Council should set policy and allow staff and boards and committees to carry out that policy.

"Council should accept committee and board recommendations unless they are absolutely wild," Fisher said. "If you constantly overrule them, you'll soon find yourself with no citizens willing to serve."

Former Mayor Fisher rarely attends Council meetings. "The last time I went was to give them a \$5000 check for the DARE program. We elect them to do the job without our looking over their shoulders," he said.

Fisher admits that he thoroughly enjoyed the social aspects of the mayor's post. "One event I most appreciated was Tom Oliver's yearly AT&T luncheon."

Fisher is an advocate of close relationships between Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach. He said he once suggested that Pacific Grove enter into a contract to provide police and fire protection for Pebble Beach. After he decided not to seek reelection, the talks fell through.

In a scrapbook filled with his encounters with the great and the near-great, Fisher keeps a Herald report of his successful effort to let a nine-year-old girl keep her lemonade stand.

Clementine Bonner had written a letter to the editor complaining that the police had shut down her lemonade business in front of her Shafter Avenue home. When that didn't bring any response from the city, she cornered Fisher at a DA meeting at Forest Grove School.

Fisher promised Clementine that he'd introduce a city ordinance allowing her to stay in business. That proved unnecessary when Police Chief Tom Maudlin said one of his officers had "made a very sad mistake." Fisher figures he simply did what small town mayors are supposed to do.

Fisher hopes the present Asilomar management will win the operating concession. "Asilomar will lose some of its wonderful ambience if a national corporation comes in," he said. "Pacific Grove needs to be concerned about the substantial transient occupancy tax Asilomar generates."

Support from the late Robert Littlefield, owner of Monterey Savings & Loan, made it easy for Fisher to serve on the Water Management District, Monterey-Salinas Transit Board, County Transportation Commission and other agencies. Fisher said. "He and Steve Magyar wanted employees to become involved in local politics and service clubs. I owe a lot to the things I learned

as a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce." He cites the Jaycee motto: Jaycees Don't Build Cities. They Build The Men Who Do.

Littlefield had cause to be understanding during one episode in Fisher's term in office. One Philip Shapter was operating The Downtown Farm on the Old Methodist Church site. After tents were pitched, a well dug and use as an open air latrine, Council had had enough. It ordered the place vacated.

Following a stormy session, Shapter left the Council meeting and threw a rock through a Monterey Savings window. His only problem was that someone saw him do it.

Fisher found himself in another brouhaha after Dominic Grillo refused to move a large boat from his property after 12 years of Council's urging him to do so. The boat was big enough that Councilman Bill Shirey said he saw it going by his window and figured someone was installing an ark.

Fisher talked to Grillo's accountant, Sal Nicita, and worked out a deal whereby Grillo would donate the boat to the city for a fire drill and take a tax writeoff. All went well until the Water Management District refused to allocate water for the project. In the end, city crews had to dismantle Grillo's ship.

A sailor himself, Fisher served four years in the Navy, much of it aboard the carrier Bonhomme Richard in the Far East. He graduated from Pacific Grove Schools and Monterey Peninsula College before joining Monterey Savings & Loan in 1961.

Yamada to sign documentary on local Japanese

by Neill Gardner

MPC Professor David Yamada will autograph copies of "The Japanese of The Monterey Peninsula" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Japanese American Citizens League Hall on Adams Street in Monterey.

A native of Riverside, Yamada and his family were interned in Arizona during World War Two. He holds a B.A. and an M.A. from UC Berkeley and a PhD in political science from UC Santa Barbara. He was a Fulbright visiting professor at Hiroshima University in 1986-87.

Yamada's new book contains many unpublished photos of early local Japanese families. Also included is a rare photo of the first Japanese tea house at Lovers Point, taken from a broken glass negative.

Of interest to many will be reproduction of a full page ad in the Herald, signed by 400 Peninsulans and welcoming Japanese back to the Monterey Peninsula following internment. Details: Hiroshi Uchida on 375-2494.

Editor:

I can't begin to tell you how much Ms. Cain's article about Cary Norman and his CAN-TRON company (Beacon 1/26/96) brings sorrow to this Pacific Grove resident. It hurts tremendously to know that once again the Pacific Grove politics has trashed another business owner.

May I offer my deepest sympathy to Mr. Norman for the loss of his finances. I admire him greatly for his battles with the City. The loss is greatest to the community, but I feel the Historic Resources Review Committee and the Community Development Department will never realize this.

Although words offer small comfort in the fact that we are losing a good neighbor and one of our best employers, please know that I wish all the best to Mr. Norman in the City of Monterey.

Dore' De Gray,
Pacific Grove

Editor:

Regarding Henry Mello's nightmare Water Board, how ridiculous! Six mayors to determine how much water each city will get from outside its boundaries? Can you see the build-in payola by the Cal Am Water Company? What an opportunity.

Talk about a monopolistic quagmire of politics and bureaucracy. Senator Mello thinks he knows how to solve something as important as water for the Central Coast. Look at his record. He has solved nothing, except getting a paycheck from the taxpayers, since he came to political office. Thank God he is retiring. Good riddance to one great gridlock inventor. May he and the rest all find happiness elsewhere.

The people of Monterey County have to decide if they want water or if they want to sophomorically bitch and moan about growth being induced by water. There are some places where there is an abundant supply of water and the people that live there, through common sense, carefully figured out how to control growth. It can be done; it's been done. We all need water and we all need good roads that don't kill.

Let's stop the nonsense and let's become responsible to our community. It is beautiful only because things that require water grow in it. The six mayors don't give a damn about that.

If we keep up this farce for another 16 years, the beauty will be dead, and then it really won't matter, as no one will want to live here. It will be just another treeless Oxnard with lots of Japanese golf courses.

Chris Wojciechowski
Pebble Beach

Editor:

Recent nasty weather at the normally temperate wintering site of the Monarch Butterfly should be regarded as an icy warning by us here in Butterfly Town, USA.

Stunned observers in Mexico reported that countless thousands of the beloved insects were killed when an unseasonable wave of frigid Arctic air moved into the region and the mercury plummeted overnight. The sun-loving Monarchs

dropped from the tree branches in frozen clusters as Mother Nature turned down the thermostat in their usually warm and welcoming winter haven.

While the loss of so many of our fluttery friends is, in and of itself, a mournful event, the real tragedy may be the further erosion of our revenue base. As downtown businesses are driven out by the over-regulation of an uncooperative and belligerent city bureaucracy, Pacific Grove finds itself ever more dependent on the elusive and fickle tourist dollar to finance needed services.

One of PG's mainstay tourist attractions has always been the revered Monarch. During the season, eager throngs of visiting voyeurs gather daily in the protected forests to gaze up at the teeming congress of black and orange beauties, enthralled and entertained. All the while, of course, these happy watchers were pleased to dispose of their discretionary income at our motels, shops and restaurants. How many Monarch generated dollars can we expect to be deposited in our coffers if the butterflies don't show up next September? After all, dead creatures do not reproduce, nor do they migrate.

Residents concerned with the economic health of Pacific Grove must compel their city leaders to look toward the future. Let's start nurturing and protecting revenue producing businesses at the same level we do the Monarch and its local habitats. Our city government's current propensity for giving business the cold shoulder is just as destructive as the chill Mexican winds that so devastated the butterfly population.

If we try to fly into the twenty-first century on the back of a fragile, and now scarce, insect, it's quite likely that Butterfly Town, USA might soon be better known as Ghost Town, USA.

Michael E. Sellars,
Pacific Grove

Editor:

Veterans who served in the China, Burma, India Theatre of Operations in World War II are invited to a reunion, August 29-Sept. 3 in Irvine, CA. This 49th annual reunion is being organized by the China-Burma-India Veterans Association, which has over 7,000 national members.

If you are a CBI veteran, please send your name, address, and phone number to Melvin D. McMullen, 120 West 49th St., San Bernardino, CA 92407, so we can send information about the reunion. Please tell us also the name of your CBI unit and locations where you served overseas.

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I am not a grateful child of God when it rains. When we have prayers for rain at church I always add, "just a little, Lord.." or "in the mountains, please."

I have been accused by friends of causing droughts. Power is power. Friends says they love the rain, a good book, a fire, etc. I know we need the rain; I just don't want it on me.

I am a drought baby. I sing while I don't water the yard. I am filthy behind the ears. In Colorado we fed the cows Russian thistle mixed with sorghum when the drought came. It worked. I didn't like the dust storms, either. No wind please.

I read somewhere in the East they considered putting a whole town under a dome. Now for a dome on P.G. I would sit at the Post Office and gather signatures. I would walk with a sandwich board. I would come storming into town council meetings with a cymbal, my Dome Drummers following me.

My dome would be transparent so that you could see the sky and the stars. Except on the sides. If the sides were transparent you would bicycle right into them. In fact, it would behoove us to place the edge of the dome between the bicycling path and the walking path so dorks wouldn't have to read the signs, except those about feeding wildlife. Oh, please don't feed them. Your child can get his finger bitten. You can encourage rats.

Meanwhile, the paper says rain. And more rain. And all those insane people are coming in to play golf. I wonder whether I could get a few signatures out of them on my petition for a dome over the golf courses. Maybe Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. They might feel as grumpy about the rain as I do. Grumpier. And today I feel grumpy.

I hope heaven has no rain. But I have decided not to push it. I might be sent to the place where rain never falls. Anyway, My Cousin Vinny is on TV tonight and that never fails to cheer.

I wish on rainy nights when the restaurants deliver hot food they would also deliver a movie. I guess that's decadent, but February requires decadence. It's grumpy time and we all have a right.

Where is Buckminster Fuller now that I need him?

Shore Lines

by Neill Gardner

YOU'D NEED a search warrant to find a Linotype machine nowadays. There was a time when even a dreamy little town like Pacific Grove had one or two. As late as the mid-Seventies, Harry Graham had two or three and the old Tribune had a couple. Time was, if you saw something in print, odds were it had started out on a Linotype. Everything from the Wall Street Journal to the Sunday church bulletin to Dorothy Dix's advice to the love-lorn went through one of those 90-keyed beauties. They were sometimes called by other names. After one had squirted molten lead on a new pair of trousers, for instance.

A COUPLE of years ago, we were astonished to see them spending beaucoup bucks cleaning up Southern Pacific lead ballast from Monterey Bay. It was standard maintenance procedure for an apprentice printer to wire brush residue from the Linotype plungers at the end of every shift. Usually with a cigarette hanging out of the corner of his mouth. Maybe the fact that most printers frequently rinsed their mouths out with Jack Daniels accounts for their longevity.

IN ORDER to keep the Linotype's lead hot, the crucible was packed in asbestos. Every print shop kept a few pounds of the stuff on hand to repack a pot. There wasn't much to it. You added a little water, stirred it up good and slapped it on the throat. No masks. No book of rules. You did it the way someone had shown you how. It's a good thing the computer age came along when it did. We were living in mortal danger and never even knew it.

ONCE LEAD was used, it required recycling in order to get rid of the printer's ink, cigarette butts and other residue that went into the smelter. They tossed in some stuff they called flux. It smelled toxic. It looked toxic. And it smoked to high heaven. But the lead came out looking like something right out of the U.S. Mint. Man, it's a wonder there's any of us hot lead printers left. Come to think of it, there ain't all that many.

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